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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SEKOU TOURE TO PRESIDENT FORD RE FRENCH-GUINEA
RELATIONS

REF: CONAKRY 1097

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON JULY 18 DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FONOFF, DATED
JULY 16, WHICH REQUESTS THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO
PRESIDENT FORD.

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION QUOTE EXCELLENCY: HAVE GREAT PLEASURE INFORM
YOU OF RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF REPUBLIC

OF GUINEAN AND FRENCH REPUBLIC AS OF JULY 14, 1975. IN THIS REGARD,
WE ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY DEEP SENTI-
MENTS OF GRATITUDE OF GUINEAN PEOPLE AND ITS GOVERNMENT FOR THE SO
PRAISEWORTHY EFFORTS THAT GOVERNMENT WHICH YOU HAVE HONOR TO PRESIDE
HAS NOT CEASED EXERTING TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF THESE RELATIONS. THIS
DEMARCHE WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY GUINEAN PEOPLE WHICH CONSIDERS
IT WITH GOOD REASON AS A CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, JUST
AS THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL KINDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY
HAS ACCORDED TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA DURING THIS

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PERIOD OF DIPLOMATIC TENSION. IN THIS NEW PHASE OF RELATIONS

BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND FRANCE, REPUBLIC OF GUINEA ASSURES YOU THAT IT IS TOTALLY DISPOSED TO WORK FOR THEIR CONSOLIDATION FOR THE GREATER BENEFIT OF OUR TWO PEOPLES. WE ASK YOU TO ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF OUR VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. SIGNED AHMED SEKOU TOURE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA. END QUOTE

3. THIS PUZZLING MESSAGE, IN TELEGRAPHIC STYLE, READS IN SOME WAYS AS FORM LETTER, BUT NOTE WAS ADDRESSED SPECIFICALLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, AND MAY BE A STUDIED FREINDLY OVERTURE. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY ASCERTAIN WHETHER SIMILAR NOTES RECEIVED BY OTHER EMBASSIES IN CONAKRY.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S MESSAGE BE ACKNOWLEDGED RAPIDLY BY BRIEF STATEMENT EXPRESSING USG SATISFACTION AT NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. DEFER TO EMBASSY PARIS AS

TO WHETHER SIMILAR LETTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO GISCARD D'ESTAING.

5. COPY OF NOTE INCLUDING FRENCH TEXT OF PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S MESSAGE BEING POUCHED.
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